

It is inappropriate for the FCC to lift the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells) as long as they effectively hold the monopoly and control of the "last mile" and associated facilities at any given location. This dominant status, with the corresponding monopoly on cable infrastructure at any given location--where it is available at all--, has been used and abused to remove or impair the possibility of competition from other providers who can offer to consumers less expensive or more appropriate alternatives.